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Period for Reply					
A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.					
<ul> <li>Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.</li> <li>If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.</li> <li>If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.</li> <li>Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).</li> </ul>					
Status	200 6.4				
Responsive to communication(s) filed on December 27, 1999					
This action is <b>FINAL</b> .					
Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under Ex parte Quayle, 1935 C.D. 1 1; 453 O.G. 213.					
Disposition of Claims		•			
Claim(s)/-/4			is/are pending in the application		
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□ Claim(s) is/are objected to.					
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Application Papers					
☐ See the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.					
☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved. ☐ The drawing(s) filed on is/are objected to by the Examiner.					
☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.					
☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.					
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)					
<ul> <li>□ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 11 9(a)-(d).</li> <li>□ All □ Some* □ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been</li> <li>□ received.</li> </ul>					
☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number)					
☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 1 7.2(a)).					
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- 1. The original patent, or an affidavit or declaration as to loss or inaccessibility of the original patent, must be received before this reissue application can be allowed. See 37 CFR 1.178.
- 2. Claims 1-14 are allowable over the art of record as argued by applicant in the response of December 27, 1999.
- 3. Applicant is requested to submit a PTO-1449 listing all of the cited prior art in the parent application.
- 4. THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Max Hindenburg, A.U. 3736, whose telephone number is (703)308-3130. The FAX No. for Sector 3700 is (703)305-3590.

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March 6, 2000

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